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# ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BILL ORTON OF UTAH

(Mr. MATHESON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I bring before the House the news that a former colleague, Bill Orton from the Third District of Utah, passed away in a tragic accident just last Saturday. He was out with his kids recreating on some sand dunes in central Utah.

Bill was a smart Member of Congress. He was a substantive Member of Congress. He was someone who spoke his mind, and I know that his commitment to public service continued after he left this institution. He was first elected in 1990. He served for 6 years. He was one of the founding members of the Blue Dog Coalition here in the House of Representatives while he was here.

I would like to yield to my colleague from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) for some comments, and then I will ask for a moment of silence.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, none of us in the delegation had the opportunity of serving with Mr. Orton while he was in Congress. I did, though, have the opportunity to know him, as a result of being majority leader and speaker of the House in the Utah legislature in his first two terms, and as such got to know that Mr. Orton was indeed someone committed to public service. We offer our deep condolences to him and his very young family at this tragic occurrence and remember him with fondness for his commitment to his country and his State.

Mr. MATHESON. We certainly want to offer our condolences to Bill's wife, Jacquelyn; his sons, Will and Wes. And with that, I ask the House recognize this with a moment of silence.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will all Members please rise for a moment of silence.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

# LAKE HODGES SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 2009

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1219, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1219.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 43, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 195]

YEAS—362

Abercrombie	DeGette	King (NY)
Ackerman	Delahunt	Kirk
Aderholt	DeLauro	Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Adler (NJ)	Dent	Klein (FL)
Altmire	Diaz-Balart, L.	Kline (MN)
Andrews	Diaz-Balart, M.	Kosmas
Arcuri	Dicks	Kratovil
Austria	Dingell	Kucinich
Baca	Doggett	Lance
Bachmann	Donnelly (IN)	Langevin
Baird	Doyle	Larsen (WA)
Baldwin	Dreier	Larson (CT)
Barrow	Driehaus	Latham
Bartlett	Edwards (MD)	LaTourette
Barton (TX)	Edwards (TX)	Latta
Bean	Ehlers	Lee (CA)
Becerra	Ellison	Lee (NY)
Berkley	Ellsworth	Levin
Berman	Emerson	Lewis (CA)
Berry	Engel	Lewis (GA)
Biggert	Eshoo	Lipinski
Bilbray	Etheridge	LoBiondo
Bilirakis	Fallin	Loeback
Bishop (GA)	Farr	Lofgren, Zoe
Bishop (NY)	Fattah	Lowey
Bishop (UT)	Filner	Lucas
Blackburn	Fleming	Lujan
Blumenauer	Forbes	Lummis
Boccieri	Fortenberry	Lynch
Boehner	Foster	Mack
Bonner	Frank (MA)	Maffei
Bono Mack	Fudge	Maloney
Boozman	Galleghy	Manzullo
Boren	Gerlach	Markey (CO)
Boucher	Giffords	Markey (MA)
Boustany	Gonzalez	Marshall
Boyd	Goodlatte	Massa
Brady (PA)	Gordon (TN)	Matheson
Brady (TX)	Granger	Matsui
Braley (IA)	Graves	McCarthy (CA)
Bright	Grayson	McCarthy (NY)
Brown (SC)	Green, Al	McCaul
Brown-Waite,	Green, Gene	McCollum
Ginny	Griffith	McCotter
Buchanan	Grijalva	McDermott
Buyer	Guthrie	McGovern
Calvert	Gutierrez	McHenry
Camp	Hall (NY)	McHugh
Cantor	Hall (TX)	McIntyre
Cao	Halvorson	McKeon
Capito	Hare	McMahon
Capps	Harman	McMorris
Capuano	Hastings (FL)	Rodgers
Cardoza	Hastings (WA)	Meek (FL)
Carnahan	Heinrich	Meeks (NY)
Carson (IN)	Heller	Melancon
Carter	Herger	Mica
Castle	Herseth Sandlin	Michaud
Castor (FL)	Higgins	Miller (MI)
Chaffetz	Hill	Miller (NC)
Chandler	Himes	Miller, Gary
Childers	Hinchee	Miller, George
Clarke	Hirono	Minnick
Clay	Hodes	Mitchell
Cleaver	Holden	Mollohan
Clyburn	Holt	Moore (KS)
Coffman (CO)	Honda	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Hoyer	Murphy (CT)
Cole	Hunter	Murphy, Patrick
Connolly (VA)	Inglis	Murphy, Tim
Conyers	Inslee	Nadler (NY)
Cooper	Israel	Napolitano
Costa	Jackson-Lee	Nunes
Costello	(TX)	Nye
Courtney	Jenkins	Oberstar
Crowley	Johnson (GA)	Obey
Cuellar	Johnson (IL)	Olson
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Olver
Dahlkemper	Jones	Ortiz
Davis (AL)	Kagen	Pallone
Davis (CA)	Kanjorski	Pascarell
Davis (IL)	Kaptur	Pastor (AZ)
Davis (KY)	Kildee	Paulsen
Davis (TN)	Kilpatrick (MI)	Payne
Deal (GA)	Kilroy	Perlmutter
DeFazio	Kind	Perriello

Peters	Sarbanes
Peterson	Scalise
Petri	Schakowsky
Pingree (ME)	Schauer
Platts	Schiff
Polis (CO)	Schmidt
Posey	Schock
Price (GA)	Schrader
Price (NC)	Schwartz
Putnam	Scott (GA)
Quigley	Scott (VA)
Rahall	Serrano
Rangel	Sestak
Rehberg	Shea-Porter
Reichert	Sherman
Richardson	Shimkus
Rodriguez	Shuster
Roe (TN)	Simpson
Rogers (AL)	Sires
Rogers (KY)	Skelton
Rogers (MI)	Slaughter
Rohrabacher	Smith (NE)
Rooney	Smith (NJ)
Ros-Lehtinen	Smith (TX)
Roskam	Smith (WA)
Ross	Snyder
Rothman (NJ)	Space
Roybal-Allard	Speier
Royce	Spratt
Ruppersberger	Stark
Rush	Stupak
Ryan (OH)	Sutton
Ryan (WI)	Tanner
Salazar	Tauscher
Sanchez, Linda	Taylor
T.	Teague
Sanchez, Loretta	Terry

NAYS—43

Akin	Harper	Paul
Alexander	Hensarling	Pence
Blunt	Hoekstra	Pitts
Burgess	Jordan (OH)	Poe (TX)
Burton (IN)	King (IA)	Sensenbrenner
Cassidy	Kingston	Sessions
Coble	Lamborn	Shadegg
Conaway	Linder	Souder
Culberson	Luetkemeyer	Stearns
Duncan	Marchant	Sullivan
Flake	McClintock	Wamp
Fox	Miller (FL)	Westmoreland
Franks (AZ)	Moran (KS)	Wilson (SC)
Garrett (NJ)	Myrick	
Gingrey (GA)	Neugebauer	

NOT VOTING—27

Bachus	Gohmert	Moran (VA)
Barrett (SC)	Hinojosa	Murtha
Boswell	Issa	Neal (MA)
Broun (GA)	Jackson (IL)	Pomeroy
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, Sam	Radanovich
Butterfield	Kennedy	Reyes
Campbell	Kissell	Shuler
Carney	Lungren, Daniel	Weiner
Crenshaw	E.	
Frelinghuysen	McNerney	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to participate in a series of votes on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 193, The Crane Conservation Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 194, The Great Cats and Rare Canids Act, I would have voted "yea" on the question.

Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 195, Lake Hodges Surface Water Improvement and Reclamation Act of 2009, I would have voted "yea" on the question.

# REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1255 AND H.R. 1214

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as cosponsor of H.R. 1255 and H.R. 1214.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

## SAN JACINTO DAY

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate one of the most important events in Texas history, frankly, the history of the United States, San Jacinto Day.

Today, in 1836, roughly 900 Texan and Tejanos volunteers overpowered a larger, professional Mexican army of conscript soldiers after defeats at Goliad and the Alamo. These outnumbered volunteers succeeded because they were fighting against tyranny and they were fighting for their families.

In the words of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the people's government had been "forcibly changed, without their consent, from a restricted federative republic composed of sovereign states to a consolidated central military despotism."

The Texas Revolution proved the bonds of freedom are stronger than ethnicity, as many Tejanos sacrificed their lives for Texas' freedom at the Battles of Gonzalez, Bexar, Goliad, the Alamo, and San Jacinto. The war was not between Anglos and Hispanics; it was a struggle between all Texans and military dictatorship in Mexico City.

Texans and Tejanos knew then what we know now—freedom requires sacrifice. And our young men and women going to or coming back from fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq are very aware of this.

Texans are renowned around the world for responding to the call of duty. We hold our heroes willing to sacrifice their lives for the betterment of their fellow man in the highest regard. I am proud to represent the site of the Battle of San Jacinto commemorated by the San Jacinto Monument.

Thanks to the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Their hard work allowed for the preservation of the San Jacinto Battleground by petitioning the Texas Legislature to purchase the acreage and by donating their treasury to complete the sale in 1900. This San Jacinto Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Texas Veterans Association did tremendous work to ensure that the legacy lives on, and the importance of the park has only expanded since then. The park not only has the San Jacinto Monument to recognize the brave men and women, but it also

includes the Battleship Texas, which is a symbol of sacrifices in World War I and World War II.

With the understanding of where they came from, Texans and Americans will continue to respond to the calls of service, thereby continuing their legacy of respect and admiration throughout the world.

God bless Texas and the United States.

## THANK YOU TROOPS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. During the recess, I was grateful to visit for the 10th time with troops in Iraq, and my eighth visit with troops in Afghanistan. As our delegation met with servicemembers of our home States, it is inspiring to see the commitment to protecting American families at home by defeating terrorists overseas.

We learned in Baghdad that terrorist attacks have been reduced by over 90 percent from 2007 due to the success of the surge. The next day, when President Obama spoke, he stated, "You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement."

As the father of two sons who have served in Iraq, I am especially appreciative of military families. In Afghanistan, it was explained that extensive plans are underway to expand the Afghan National Army, the Afghan police, and the Afghan border police. I know firsthand of the success of local forces as my former National Guard unit, the 218th Brigade, completed a year of service at Camp Phoenix last year promoting a civil society.

In conclusion, God bless our troops—and we will never forget September the 11th and the global war on terrorism.

## HONORING FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS BILL ORTON

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, today we come to the House floor in memory of a fine Member of this body who distinguished himself here, in my opinion, and left a lasting legacy.

Bill Orton, who our colleague, JIM MATHESON, informed us passed away in an accident in Utah, who represented the people of Utah's Sixth District from 1991 to 1997, died last weekend at the age of 60.

Bill always was an independent thinker and serious-minded public servant. He was elected three times as a Democrat in one of America's most conservative districts, as our friend JIM MATHESON has done, a fact that testifies both to his persuasive skills

and the deep respect he earned even from those he didn't persuade.

As a local paper wrote, "Utahans couldn't have done much better than electing Bill Orton." I agree with that sentiment, Mr. Speaker. In just three terms here, Bill left a permanent mark. He was a founder of the Blue Dog Coalition, which has stood up for fiscal discipline ever since and is well represented here tonight.

Bill was instrumental in creating the Democratic ideal of fiscal responsibility. And ever since, when Democrats have come to this floor to defend the government's essential programs while advocating for a balanced budget, they have been following in Bill's footsteps. Now, every time we speak out for a government that pays for what it buys, we have an opportunity to carry on Bill's work.

But as much as we will miss him, I know that his community and his family will miss him incomparably more. Bill became a father late in life, but his boys, Will and Wes, filled what turned out to be the last years of his life with so much joy. Those who know Bill remember, I'm sure, how he turned half of his congressional office into a nursery, or how he proudly brought baby Will to sit with him at hearings.

I know that nothing can make up for the loss of a father, particularly a father of young children. For Jacquelyn Orton, I know that nothing can make up for the loss of her husband. But I hope it will be some consolation—small, but some—to know that Bill was important to the life of his State and of his Nation, and that he shaped them for the better; that even though he had more to give, he gave much more than most ever do.

To his family, we extend great sympathy. From his country, to Bill Orton, we say thank you; thank you for serving so well the people of Utah and the people of the United States of America. God bless his family.

## ON THE PASSING OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN BILL ORTON

(Mr. CHAFFETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to former Third Congressional District Representative Bill Orton. Representative Orton passed away in a tragic accident this past weekend. He served with honor for three terms as a Member of this body. He was described as something of a political maverick and an independent voice for Utah, bucking both parties at times.

It is during times such as these that we set aside our partisan differences and join together in mourning the passing of a great American and a great public servant. Representative Orton cast a long shadow over the State of Utah and the Third Congressional District. It is an honor for me to